completely healed after several days, the needle is removed and replaced by an earring. There were many complaints about painful swelling of the ear lobes after being pierced. [Picture. Iron earrings. 9/10 natural size.]

Necklaces of rosin beads are one bit of jewelry which holds its own against all imported bright glass kinds, even though difficult to make and unassuming in appearance. [252] The yellow rosin of an Othonna species (called ≠gũ/s) is rubbed with the cold coals of the hearth fire. This mixture (a powder) is warmed with a burning piece of wood and kneaded with the other hand at the same time. The warm mass is rolled into sausages with the flat of the hand on a smooth surface. Little pieces are taken from these sausage rolls and formed into pills over the fire. The pills are put on slivers of wood (so that the wood goes through them) and after hardening, strung on sinew, often alternating regularly with bright stones or glass beads. The bead necklaces (called the same as the plant from which they are fashioned) are often combined to a thick bundle of chains, *//ga·/mi, which has good trading value among Hottentots. A chain which will wind ten times loosely around the neck and reach down to the breast has the value of a nanny goat. [Picture. Necklaces. Top and bottom: made of rosin. In the middle: made of ostrich eggshells.]

Imported glass beads are popular. The large-beaded necklaces are differentiated by the word !a/ms from the small-beaded ones *ga·rab. Ankle rings, *!go·ro!kxu·ib, consisting of thickset rows of little glass beads, are still occasionally worn under the skin shoes.

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Capitulum III

The Hottentot's Mode of Living

Great Namaland, a typical dry area of South Africa, has such scanty growth in its limited area that it cannot provide the animal world with sufficient food and water. The characteristic animals of the South African grassy plains, at the same time its most valuable wildlife, the antelopes, must roam over extensive areas just to get a meager living. Like the predatory animals, the hunters follow these herds; wherever the native has exchanged this unsettled way of life, which one day leaves him in need, the next day with a surplus, for the regulated life of a herdsman, he finds himself forced more than ever to wander, the more numerous his cattle (/go·an) become. [Picture. South African ox wagon.]